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In application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/553,573) Confirmation No. 3776
Filed: April 19, 2000)
For: ARTIFICIAL HEMI-LUMBAR) Group Art Unit: 3738
INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT) Examiner: B. Snow
HAVING AN ASYMMETRICAL)
LEADING END AND METHOD)
FOR INSTALLATION THEREOF)

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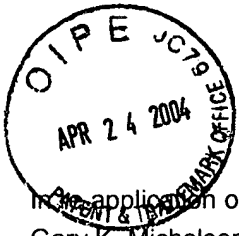
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Action of January 20, 2004 in the above-identified application with exhibits/attachments, 3 sheets of annotated drawings showing changes, and 3 replacement sheets of drawings (A4 paper; Figs. 5-6B, 9A, and 9B)

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	114	-	96 **	18	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	\$ 324.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	3	-	3 ***	0	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$86	\$ -0-
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145		\$ -0-
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- ☒ A fee in the total amount of \$434.00 to cover the \$110 one-month extension of time and \$324 additional claims is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1066.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1066. **A copy of this sheet is enclosed.**
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,
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Transmittal of Amendment